



'Zeno Boys' Ranch' In Fukuyama

FUKUYAMA, Hiroshima—Brother Zeno Zebrowski, an extensively-traveling Catholic missionary of the Franciscan Welfare Institute for the Poor, Tokyo, chats with a group of mentally retarded children on his recent tour to this city. Nationally known as the founder of the Village of Ants community of ragpickers in Tokyo, the Polish-born "messenger from Heaven" is credited with the establishment in Fukuyama's suburbs five years ago of a sprawling ranch designed for the rehabilitation of mentally-deranged children. It is now called "Zeno Boys' Ranch."

Bread Presented To 'Aoi Buraku'



Some 1,300 loaves of bread were distributed to dwellers of Aoi Buraku, a rag-pickers' village, in Ueno Park, Tokyo, Sunday by Polish social worker Zeno Zebrowski and his friends.

The 65-year-old Catholic brother has been helping dwellers in the area rehabilitate themselves for the past several years through the building of a church and a kindergarten.

Some 600 people of 230 families are scheduled to move out very soon from the area by order of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

Brother Zeno and a voluntary group of about 150 Polish Americans are planning to help the dwellers settle down in other districts in Tokyo as well as to continue to give them 12,000 loaves of bread each week.

The free bread was made available through the cooperation of the Catholic Relief Service and Shogetsudo Bakery Co.

(Photo shows Brother Zeno distributing loaves of bread to children of Aoi Buraku, assisted by Mrs. Richard Thomas, Mrs. Matthew Pilch, left, and Master Sergeant Matthew Pilch, right, on the truck.)

Brother Zeno Gives To Needy



Brother Zeno Zebrowski, well known Catholic missionary of the Conventual Fathers, Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo, is now busy traveling, with Christmas just around the corner.

The white-bearded Zeno, shown above, visited the "Mainichi Newspapers" Tokyo office this week, and donated two parcels of sweaters and other clothes. The Mainichi, on receipt of the packages, sent them to the needy people in Niigata Prefecture.

A walking St. Nicholas Brother Zeno left Tokyo Thursday for Okayama Prefecture to prepare for the early opening of the currently-proposed Zeno Boys Town. He terms this installation as "one of my biggest life-time projects."